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Chapter 8 - Tokens

Tokens, store cards, etc. are an interesting phase of numismatics. A few of the many categories have been the subject of specialized publications available to collectors. However, many are unlisted in any publication. Often issued in small numbers and regarded as worthless by practical Yankees the surviving specimens are hard to find and frequently in poor condition. Our printer was unable to get good illustrations of some of the specimens submitted but we hope this series will be helpful to collectors who have an interest in such items and want more information. Your editor urges everyone who has specimens or additional information to assist in making the series as complete as possible.

Sutler Tokens

Sutlers were storekeepers who operated in connection with army outfits. They would cash a soldier's pay check and give scrip and tokens for balance due him. This practice was most common during the Civil War when coins were scarce. The only sutler issueing tokens for New Hampshire regiments was W. A. Farr of the 14th New Hampshire Volunteers. Our first illustration in this issue shows the obverse and the next two show reverse for the 5¢ and 25¢ tokens. The 5¢ is copper and the 25¢ is white metal. A 10¢ value was also issued. All are quite rare.

Post Exchange Tokens

The only New Hampshire tokens known in this category are from Fort Constitution, Formerly Fort William and Mary, at Newcastle, N.H. These are illustrated in the 2nd row inside cover. The undated 5¢ variety has both obverse and reverse illustrated. The 1911 variety with crossed cannons has reverse with "GOOD FOR/ 5¢/ IN TRADE" in a beaded border. Both are aluminum. The 1911 variety seems to be the rarer.

Navy Base Tokens

Souvenir tokens issued for Navy Day in 1947 had obverse shown at top right. The reverse was blank. The 1948 Navy day token was diamond shaped as shown inverted at right of second row. Reverse is blank. DOES ANYONE HAVE A SIMILAR 1949 TOKEN? There was a 1946 issue like the 1947. (only specimen seen is holed)

The other diamond shaped token shown is a 1950 Armed Forces Day token . Obverse "PORTSMOUTH (slanting up), KITTERY AREA (slanting down)/ARMED FORCED DAY/MAY 20 1950". Reverse shown "ARMY NAVY/ "TEAMED FOR DEFENSE"/ AIR FORCE MARINE CORPS". Aluminum.

An undated token with no lettering was marked on the holder "Navy Yard, Portsmouth". This has a ship (submarine) on one side; the other side is blank. Possibly this was the 1949 token but there is not proof of it being from Portsmouth or the date. Aluminum.

Air Base Tokens

The center row shows tokens from Pease Air Base, Newington,N.H. The 5¢ value comes in both brass and aluminum with same dies as shown. Also shown are the 10¢ and 50¢ values in brass, with similar dies. Quite likely there may be a 25¢ value in brass and also the other 3 values in aluminum. Please report to editor if you have any not shown. Pease also used tokens like the second in fourth row and fourth in last row made of aluminum with copper colored coating on front and back. There was also a 25¢ value like the 3rd in bottom row, and probably a similar 5¢ value. Who has one?

Grenier Air Base used brass tokens like the first (5¢) and last (25¢) in the 4th row and the 10¢ in the bottom row. They also had similar tokens in aluminum with same reverse dies but obverses like 3rd in 4th row. Any one have 50¢ or others not shown?

CHESHIRE COUNTY NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION WILL HOST N.H.N.A. FALL MEETING, SEPT. 19

The New Hampshire Numismatic Assn. will hold its Fall meeting Sunday, Sept. 19 at 2 P. M. in the Unitarian Church on Washington St., Keene. Past president Charles Nims is arranging the program which will probably include a speaker and an auction by Fred McPhail. All members may bring guests.

Vest pocket and satchell dealing are encouraged at the Fall meetings and it is customary to give some recognition to exhibits. Let's all bring anything that ties in with the Bicentennial.

Most important business is making plans for the Annual Show in April. Any club interested in hosting the show is invited to put in a bid for it during the meeting. ED Dame and the Nashua Coin Club are to be congratulated on the outstanding show last Spring.

COMING NUMISMATIC EVENTS

Maine Numismatic Assn. will hold their Fall show Sept. 25 & 26 at Eastland Hotel in Portland. There will be auctions and exhibits of both stamps and coins and $5 gold piece door prizes each day.

New England Numismatic Association will hold their Annual Conference and Convention Oct. 29, 30, and 31 at the Sheraton-Wayfarer, Bedford,N.H. There will be a big bourse with dealers from all over the country, many fine exhibits, and educational programs featuring Ken Bressett, Red Book Editor, formerly of Keene,N.H.James Stone, Milford, is the President and General Chairman. Bourse chairman is Grovenor Nudd, 21 Cross St., Penacook, N.H. Lewis Jennison, R. 1, Epping, is Exhibit Chairman. Auctioneer is Fred McPhail. There will be medals showing New Hampshire's first state seal. Be sure to attend this outstanding event.

Nashua Coin Club meets the second Monday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Hall. They usually have an auction and a god attendance.

N. H. Collectors' Club meets at Masonic Hall, 44B So. Main St. Concord usually the first Sunday at 2 P.M

21ST TRI-STATE COLLECTORS' EXHIBITION AT HIGHWAY HOTEL, CONCORD, OCT. 6 & 7

The new location for the 21st annual Tri-State Collectors' Exhibition at the Highway Hotel will be much more convenient for everyone, with plenty of parking space and lots of room inside for exhibits and bourse dealers. Right on the ground floor with no stairs to climb, it will be easy to move thing in and out.

This show features coins, stamps, and collectables of all kinds with a Governor's Trophy for the Best of Show and many other fine trophys for worthy exhibits. Harold D. Pearson, Box 24, Epsom, N. H. is exhibit chairman. G. C. Nudd, 21 Cross St., Penacook, N. H. is Bourse chairman. Winfred Grandy, Warner, is General Chairman. A brochure with complete information on exhibit classes and awards as well as bourse is available from any one of the above. There is a special class for Bicentennial material this year,

Harold Pearson will be in charge of special covers with Exhibition Station cancel. Wooden nickels will be available with the first N. H. state seal featured, at 50¢ for a set of 4 colors from Wayne S. Rich, Box 391, Concord, N.H. 03301. Send stamped envelope.

NEW ZIP FOR DUES

Secretary-Treasurer Omer Soucy, Box 652, Nashua, N. H. has a new Zip number 03061. He will accept dues of $1 per year for as many years as you wish at one time. It saves you time and postage to pay ahaead a few years as many members do. If you are not up to date you may find an X beside your address for each year owed. Some members prevent this ever happening by becoming life members whic costs $10 plus $1 for each year you are under 65 years old. So Zip your dues along to Omer at o3061 if you are not paid up.

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Cocheco Coin Club, Dover, had a show last Spring which I hear was a good one. They meet at new Dover Federal Savings and Loan Bank, Central Ave., Dover, the second and fourth Wednesdays.

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Newcastle and Penacook had Bicentennial Wooden Nickels.